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SUBJECT: TERRORISM FINANCE: YASIN AL-QADI - STATUS OF ASSET
FREEZE IN TURKEY

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[1](#)1. (SBU) According to Turkish Foreign Ministry officials, a freeze on \$3 million in al-Qadi assets found in Turkish bank accounts remains in place, although al-Qadi continues his legal challenge in Turkish courts of the Council of Ministers' freeze order (see ref b). The Turkish Court that reviews administrative decisions, the Danistay (Council of State), has refused al-Qadi's request for an injunction voiding the Council of Ministers' decision. Therefore, the Danistay will decide the case on its "merits." The timeframe depends on the Danistay and is not clear. The MFA has informed the UN 1267 committee of the status of the case and continues to request more information from the UN and the United States to bolster its case against al-Qadi.
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